

1,000 beneficiaries in Lagos have been empowered with clean energy solutions, livelihood support and practical skills training following the Sustainable Empowerment Programme (NSEP) of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) which is aimed at providing technology that directly improves the lives and economic opportunities for Nigerians.

The programme, which included the distribution of 400 NASENI Power Stoves, 100 NASENI Home Solar Solutions and NASENI Support Packs, as well as practical skills training in Plaster of Paris (POP) installation and electrical maintenance and held at the Lagos Television (LTV), Ikeja, during the weekend.

According to the Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of NASENI, Khalil Suleiman Halilu, the Lagos edition of the programme held a day after the agency held such a program in Ohafia, Abia State.

It therefore represents a strong determination by NASENI to reach Nigerians across the country.

"Yesterday, we were in Ohafia, Abia State, delivering the same message through action. Today, we are here in Lagos. For us at NASENI, science, technology and engineering must ultimately improve lives. Innovation only becomes meaningful when it solves real problems for real people," Halilu said.

The NASENI power stoves, he claimed, were designed to provide the option of cleaner and more efficient cooking, dial down the reliance on traditional cooking methods while contributing to the country shift towards cleaner energy.

In the same vein, he explained that the NASENI Home Solar Solutions are also designed with the intention of providing residents and small business owners with reliable renewable energy options to foster operations.

He added that the Lagos edition was intended to surpass the distribution of products by providing empowerment of market-relevant skills such as POP installation and electrical maintenance. The program forms a part of NASENI's drive to move practical science, technology and engineering solutions beyond laboratories and factories to a staple in the lives of Nigerians.

The Representative of Surulere I Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Fuad Kayode Laguda, who representing the Chief of Staff to the

President, Femi Gbajabiamila, lauded the Agency for conducting a Lagos edition of the program, while calling for the expansion of the programme to reach more communities and beneficiaries across the state.

The Chairman, Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Idris Ibikunle Olorunnimbe, represented by Chairman of Ikeja Local Council, Akeem Dauda, also commended NASENI for the intervention while speaking at the program.

The program was described as “a practical demonstration of government interventions reaching citizens.” by the Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA, Samiat Abolanle Badawho represented Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Finance, James Abiodun Faleke.